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In re Application of:

Applicant: LIVINGSTONE, James I.

Group Art Unit: 3672

Serial No.: 10/644,748

Examiner: Collins, Giovanna M.

Filed: August 21, 2003

For: REVERSE CIRCULATION DIRECTIONAL AND HORIZONTAL DRILLING
USING CONCENTRIC DRILL STRING

Atty Docket: 52502-16

Box Patent Application Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

[XX] Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for responding to the Office Action, dated for a period of three months so that a response can be filed by April 11, 2006. The fee of is dealt with in the section below entitled FEES.

CLAIMS FEES

[] No additional claims fee is required.

[XX] The claims fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| | | | | RATE | FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 64 | 64 | 0 | Extra x \$25 | \$0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 21 | 20 | 1 | Extra x \$100 | \$100.00 |
| FIRST FILING OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIMS | -- | -- | -- | + \$180. | -- |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$100.00 |

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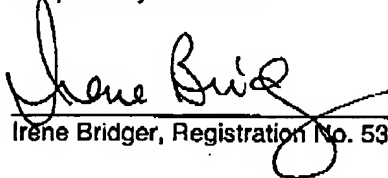
ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Provisional Double Patenting Rejection over a Pending "Reference" Application".

FEE PAYMENT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees totalling \$675.00 for the three month extension fees of \$510.00, the extra claims fees of \$100.00, the Statutory Disclaimer fee of \$65.00 and any further fees that may be required for entry of the amendment to our American Express credit card on file. Enclosed is the Credit Card Payment Form.

Respectfully submitted



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